(c) whether neighbouring countries like Pakistan and Sri Lanka have never allowed human rights groups to enter the disturbed areas in their countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) No information is available.

Support of Arab countries on India's stand on Kashmir

293. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited number of Arab countries to seek the support of India's stand on Kashmir, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the Arab countries which have supported India's stand alongwith these who opposed it;

(c) whether Kashmir question was discussed at the Islamic countries meeting at Kuwait;

(d) if so, whether Pakistan raised this issue at the meeting; and

(e) if so, India's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (e) While I did not visit any country solely to seek support of our stand on the question of Jammu and Kashmir, this subject has been discussed by me with several Arab countries' leaders and our position explained to them in detail.

Pakistan did raise this question at the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Cairo. There was a broad understanding among the Arab countries for India's position. The root cause of the present tension between India and Pakistan is Pakistan's interference in India's internal affairs and sponsorship of terrorist and subversive activities from across the border. We firmly believe that the tensions can be successfully defused only by bilateral discussions under the Simla Agreement and the Pakistan's efforts at internationalization will not help.

Migrants from Jammu and Punjab

294. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of migrants from Jammu and Punjab;

(b) what is the total assistance provided to these refugees and migrants by the Centre; and

(c) whether any concrete proposals are being considered to help them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) There are no migrants from Jammu. However, more then 60,000 migrants from Kashmir Valley have been registered at Jammu, at Delhi and more than 11,000 migrants from Punjab have been registered at Delhi. Statement showing assistance provided by the Government to the migrants from Kashmir and Punjab are enclosed.

Statement

Statement showing nature and quantum of assistance provided by the Government to the migrant families:

The following relief measures have been sanctioned by the Government for the migrant families:—

General Assistance:

Instructions have been issued for admission of the children of the migrants who do not want to constinue their studies in the valley in different professional and other colleges outside the valley. Facilities for transfer of bank accounts, payment of leave salary, pension, ITC Premium outside the valley, have also been provided to the migrant families.